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FOR ANDREWS FROM WORTZEL

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. YOU WILL HAVE SEEN FROM OUR 206 THAT WE WERE NOT ENTHRALLED WITH L'S LONG-AWAITED REACTION TO THE YUGOSLAV-PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON THE MAP. AS WE HAD REPORTED EARLIER, WE HAD TOLD THE YUGOSLAVS THAT THERE WERE PROBLEMS WITH THEIR FORMULATION. HOWEVER, WE HAD HOPED THAT L WOULD BE MORE SPECIFIC IN PROPOSING CHANGES WHICH WOULD MEET OUR REQUIREMENTS. IT IS NOT THE MOST FELICITOUS SOLUTION TO SAY THAT WE PREFER L'S VERSION TO THE YUGOSLAVS' I HOPE THAT YOU WILL PRESS L TO BE MORE EXPLICIT IN ITS ANALYSIS OF THE YUGOSLAV TEXT, AND TO RECOMMEND LANGUAGE AS REQUIRED.

2. WE ARE REPORTING A LENGTHY DISCUSSION WITH KLJUN OF THE KRSKO LICENSE ISSUE. WE ARE CONCERNED AT KLJUN'S APPARENT UNDERSTANDING THAT WE HAVE AGREED THAT SOME KIND OF MFN STATUS WILL BE INCLUDED IN AN AGREEMENT. WE ARE ALSO ANXIOUS TO DISCOURAGE ANY IDEA THAT A TITO-CARTER MEETING WILL SETTLE IT ALL, AND HOPE THAT ALL ARE AGREED ON THAT.

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3. WE APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS ON THE GLIGOROV VISIT PREPARATIONS. FROM OUR LATEST MEETING HERE (BELGRADE 240) IT LOOKS LIKE THE YUGOSLAVS WOIXD BE RELUCTANT TO DELAY THE VISIT, PARTICULARLY NOW THAT THE TITO VISIT IS SET FOR SEVERAL WEEKS THEREAFTER. IF PONOMAREV IS STILL IN WASHINGTON WHEN GLIGOROV ARRIVES, WE WONDER WHETHER SOME OF THE WASHINGTON PROGRAM COULD BE MOVED TO THE END,

ALTHOUGH ONLY IF IT WERE NECESSARY TO AVOID DELAYING THE ENTIRE VISIT. WHILE, AS YOU WILL HAVE NOTICED, OUR FRONT CHANNEL MESSAGES HAVE DEALT WITH THE STRONG INTEREST IN A GLIGOROV MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT--AND WE HAVE NOT WANTED TO UNDERCUT THE HILL'S EFFORTS IN THIS CONNECTION--WE RECOGNIZE THE PROBLEM THIS MAY PRESENT. WE TRUST THAT, IF A VISIT DOES NOT MATERIALIZE, A FULL, SUBSTANTIVE MEETING WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL BE IN THE PROGRAM.

4. WE FULLY SHARE--AND WILL SUPPORT--SAM'S VIEW (STATE 8865) ON STAFFING THE ZAGREB FAIR. WE, TOO, FEEL STRONGLY THAT THE OVERALL MANAGEMENT SHOULD BE LAID ON COMMERCE, UNDERSTOOD THAT USIA HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY, WHICH WILL REQUIRE THAT SOMEBODY FROM THE AGENCY ALSO BE INVOLVED. WE WILL USE OUR REPLY TO USIA 642 (WHICH WE WILL SLUG FOR COMMERCE) TO EXPRESS OUR VIEW.

5. WHEN IT IS AVAILABLE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE A COPY OF THE TEXT OF THE US-YUGOSLAV AIR AGREEMENT.

6. RE EVANS CAR. D
IID INADVERTANTLY TOOK TITLE AND PAPERS
FOR BOTH CARS WITH HIM, BUT SENT THEM BACK WITH KAREN KLEMP
WHO SHOULD HAVE ARRIVED WASHINGTON JANUARY 9 AND HMAS TO
HAVE CONTACTED MRS. EVANS AT THAT TIME.
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7. WE CONTINUE TO BE VERITABLY DAZZLED BY THE WORK OF
THE BEST COUNTRY DESK IN THE HOUSE.
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